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Dear Mr. Eastin.

I am a Richmond Beach resident and have great concern about the Point Wells development project. Richmond Beach is currently my home and my community, but once Point Wells is built it will be changed in character from a quiet, family-oriented residential neighborhood into a thoroughfare for Point Wells access.

Both the Urban Center alternative and Urban Village alternative call for excessive amounts of commercial and office space bringing thousands of cars through our quiet community en route to Point Wells. The infrastructure for such large amounts of traffic is not in place currently and will necessitate major changes to the current neighborhood streets, making them noisy places with traffic lights and larger intersections, which will impact the current pedestrian friendly nature of Richmond Beach. I'm concerned about property values being degraded due to increased traffic, air pollution, light pollution, congestion, traffic accidents, litter and crime. The fabric of Shoreline and Richmond Beach will be forever changed.

I implore you to consider the impact of this huge project on the current neighborhoods and community of Richmond Beach. Social conscience would dictate this impact over that of profit making.

Thank you.

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Dear Mr. Eastin,

I am a writing to comment on the Point Wells development project. I have concerns about the environmental impact of the alternatives proposed by BSRE.

Not only will construction include disruption of oil product-contaminated soil and sand, causing leaching of these materials into Puget Sound, but also construction itself will bring more pollutants into this site, further contaminating the shoreline and waters of the Sound.

Transforming the site into a mixed-use development with many paved surfaces and buildings will result in decreased natural filtration of rainwater and uphill runoff before it reaches Puget Sound. Run off from the many hard surfaces of the proposed project will flow into the Sound, carrying unfiltered contaminants directly into the water. These contaminants including gasoline, oil and anti-freeze from cars and trucks, pesticides and fertilizers used in landscaped areas, and products leaching out of the buildings themselves (e.g. fire retardants, roofing tar, wood preservation chemicals, etc).

Puget Sound fish, shellfish, birds, mammals and plant life all need clean water in order to maintain their habitats. Chemicals reaching waterways kill directly and indirectly. One example of indirect killing is the chemical driven blooms of algae, which destroy habitats and kill the life in them.

The Point Wells development proposal alternatives would all have a huge impact on surface water run off, further contaminating Puget Sound and destroying habitats in the sound.

Thank you for your consideration.

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